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Dear Parent/Carers,

As we draw to the end of our first week back following the Easter break in our virtual capacity, I wanted to extend my gratitude to every one of you for the amazing job you are all doing supporting 'home learning'. I fully appreciate the challenges you are facing, however, I have been absolutely amazed by the work that is currently being produced. I would also like to thank all of the teaching staff, teaching assistants, support staff and premises staff that continue to support the running of the school. I could not be prouder of the efforts of the 'LNS Community'. During the Easter break, which albeit was somewhat different, there were some updates that I will summarise in this letter.

Home Learning

I hope that 'Google Classroom' is working well and that you are able to access all work that has been set by classroom teachers. If you are experiencing any issues with this facility please email adminteam@lns.org.uk and we will resolve these immediately. To support lessons being set by teachers, there have been some significant developments through the Oak National Academy and further updates to BBC Bitesize. I have included these addresses and some other previously shared resources below:

- BBC Bitesize Daily lessons - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- Oak National Academy Online classroom - <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom>
- Joe Wicks is offering free morning PE lessons via his Youtube channel every morning at 9am - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>
- Audible have free children's audio book available to stream - <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>
- Learn a language for FREE with Duolingo, also available via their app - <https://www.duolingo.com/>
- Ted-Ed celebrates the ideas of hundreds of teachers and students from around the world - <https://ed.ted.com/>
- Build skills with hundreds of online courses from top universities - <https://www.futurelearn.com/>
- British Council offer online English Language lessons for EAL students of all levels - <https://www.britishcouncil.org/english/learn-online>
- Free online resources specific to the secondary curriculum - <https://bbc.co.uk/teach>

- Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people - <https://www.kooth.com/>

Centre Assessed Grades - Years 11 and 13

I wrote previously to parents/carers of Year 11 and Year 13 outlining how students will receive grades for the qualifications they have been studying. Each school will be asked to indicate the correct grades for students, based on all the evidence the school has of a student's progress and attainment to date. The estimated grade will be based on classwork and homework; results in assignments and any mock exams; any non-exam assessment or coursework you might have done; and general progress throughout the course. The government will moderate these grades so that they are fair across all schools. During the Easter break it was pleasing that the Department for Education reintroduced the Results Day with A-Levels on 13th August and GCSE on 20th August. In the meantime, please do not request estimated grades from the school, as Ofqual guidance clearly states that we are unable to do this.

Students Eligible for Free School Meals

During the holidays we transferred over to the Government's Edenred voucher scheme having previously organised this ourselves. We, like thousands of schools nationally, experienced significant issues with the site as it was unable to cope with the large volume of schools attempting to gain access. All families should now have received vouchers up until the week ending the 8th May 2020. If you are eligible for free school meals and you have not received a token, or you are currently experiencing problems with the new system, please email adminteam@lns.org.uk. Please can I also urge you to check your email details are correct.

Safeguarding

Please see the school website for all information relating to the safeguarding of all students. If you have any concerns about any of our young people please email safeguarding@lns.org.uk.

Finally, please continue to check the school website for updates (lns.org.uk) and you can also get regular updates on some of the latest news from LNS on our school twitter account @londonnautical.

Stay safe and please contact the school if you require support.

Yours faithfully



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